

Board Meeting
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SUBJECT: COVID AND FLU VACCINATION DELIVERY PROGRAMMES - UPDATE

1. PURPOSE

This paper is coming to the Board:

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This paper sets out the latest position in relation to the Covid and Flu Vaccination Delivery Programmes.

2. PROGRESS TO DATE

Over 538,067 Lanarkshire residents have now received at least one dose of the Covid vaccine, with 1,386,552 doses having been delivered by Lanarkshire vaccination teams.

Uptake in Lanarkshire of Covid Vaccination continues to be above national averages:

- For all those aged over 18, 95.2% of Lanarkshire residents have received a first dose and 91.3% a second dose
- For those aged over 60, uptake in all age bands is >99.9% for first dose and 99.4% for second dose
- Uptake has dropped nationally in younger adult age groups, but we again remain above all national averages:

	NHS Lanarkshire		Scotland	
	First Dose	Second Dose	First Dose	Second Dose
55-59	99.8%	98.2%	99.5%	97.7%
50-54	99.1%	96.8%	97.0%	94.7%
40-49	99.3%	90.1%	92.6%	88.9%
30-39	89.9%	83.1%	85.7%	79.7%
18-29	84.0%	76.3%	80.3%	72.0%

The Vaccination Team has also made excellent progress in the delivery of boosters and 3rd vaccines for the severely immuno-suppressed group. Details – as at 11 January, 2022 are as below.

Booster Stage 1

	Lanarkshire	Scotland
Age 70 and over	95%	95%
Care Home Resident	90%	90%
Frontline HCSW	97%	82%

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable 81% 80%

Booster Stage 2

	Lanarkshire	Scotland
Age 65 – 69	97%	96%
Age 60 – 64	95%	96%
Clinically at risk – 16-65	72%	74%
55 – 59	88%	87%
50 – 54	83%	81%

Data has been obtained from Public Health Scotland, updated using local daily management data for the last 3 weeks. It should be noted that work is ongoing to clarify uptake in the Clinically at Risk category, updates to which are currently dependent on this being recorded at time of vaccination. This may mean that the NHS Lanarkshire figures for this and CEV are slightly underreported.

Booster Stage 3

	Lanarkshire	Scotland
Age 40 – 49	69%	68%
Age 30 – 39	52%	50%
Age 18 – 29	39%	38%

Booster vaccinations were offered to this group just before Christmas, supported by a “Get Boosted by the Bells” national campaign. While this period delivered the highest activity the Lanarkshire programme has ever had (peaking at over 9900 doses per day), throughput has dropped sharply since new year. NHS Lanarkshire has asked Scottish Government to consider a national publicity campaign, focussing on the need for booster vaccination for vaccine passporting in hospitality and entertainment venues, to drive a second wave of uptake. Uptake is also hindered by recent Omicron levels, leaving significant proportions of those unboosted currently ineligible due to recent test positivity.

Severely Immunosuppressed

3rd doses Lanarkshire: 92% Scotland: 94%

Work is ongoing in the above group to ensure that they have been correctly coded as 3rd doses rather than boosters. In addition, we are working with local clinicians to ensure that all those eligible with this group have been identified. Both of these workstreams may temporarily depress uptake percentage slightly. Recall for 4th (booster) doses for this group has now begun

All autumn/winter activity

Total Booster and 3rd vaccines delivered – 388,897

Adult flu vaccines delivered – 256,548

3. CURRENT ACTIVITY

As can be seen above, there has been a significant effort undertaken to get as many of the eligible population vaccinated as soon as possible after their becoming eligible and NHSL continues to perform well when compared to national averages.

The Service also managed to deliver the national target of offering >80% of all adults a booster vaccine by 31 December 2021 as well as offering those in the severely immune-suppressed categories a further booster 12 weeks after their 3rd vaccine. Work continues to optimise uptake, particularly with our high risk groups, whereby outbound calling of housebound cohorts has been undertaken to encourage and maximise uptake.

It is intended to offer vaccines to all respective groups by the end of January.

In addition to the cohorts described above, a further tranche of vaccines is now to be delivered over the coming months. These can be summarised as concentrating on the younger age groups as well as seeking to ‘reach’ as many eligible members of the community as possible. These include

- a. 5 – 11 yr olds with underlying health conditions and household members
- b. 2nd doses for 12-15s;
- c. 16 and 17 yr old boosters;
- d. review of housebound processes in anticipation of next round of vaccines;
- e. design and provision of bespoke clinics for those with learning disability
- f. maximise approaches to achieve ‘inclusivity’ across all groups and especially those ‘at risk’ – homeless, substance misuse, etc;
- g. update re universal 5 – 11 yr olds anticipated

In relation to ‘f.’ above, approximately 1,900 people over 80 who aren’t fully vaccinated have been contacted to arrange an appointment, house visit or remove if they have opted out.

A similar approach is being undertaken currently with the over 70s, however that will take a little longer as there are over 3,000 in this cohort who have not accessed a vaccine to date.

Where citizens wish to opt out – this is recorded and the respective information will be passed to the national team to have this recorded on the system as this facility is not open to staff our information services staff locally.

Work continues to ensure sufficient staffing is available to deliver the programme and work is progressing in providing permanent contracts for some of those delivering the vaccine programme.

The MACA support previously provided was crucial to meeting the targets set, however due to the revised cohorts now being targeted, the ability for MACA to support is more limited and we have indicated to Scottish Government that the MACA support can now be withdrawn from the vaccine programme in NHS. A note of appreciation was sent to military colleagues.

Staff vaccinations were delivered through a combination of work by Salus in the acute sites and through community vaccination centres.

School programme for flu vaccine was delivered through the school vaccines team and as at 11 January, uptake across all Lanarkshire schools was as noted below.

	Pupils	Staff
Primary	78.58%	74%
Secondary	60%	77%

It should be noted that flu vaccine programme was suspended at national level due to a combination of very low incidence of flu as well as requiring to release resources to maximise covid vaccination/booster programmes for the adult population.

As previously noted, local vaccine centres have been provided to cover the populations of Cumbernauld; Airdrie/Coatbridge; Bellshill/Motherwell/Wishaw; Cambuslang/Rutherglen; East Kilbride; Hamilton and Clydesdale.

Three additional sites in Biggar, Abington and Stonehouse have also been used to provide access for those in rural parts of South Lanarkshire.

Strathclyde Passenger Transport also assisted by ensuring easy public transport access to all sites.

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This paper links to the following:

Corporate Objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AOP	<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Government Directive	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	AHF/Local Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urgent Operational Issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>		

5. CONTRIBUTION TO QUALITY

This paper aligns to the following elements of safety and quality improvement:

Three Quality Ambitions:

Safe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Person Centred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Six Quality Outcomes:

Everyone has the best start in life and is able to live longer healthier lives; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People are able to live well at home or in the community; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Everyone has a positive experience of healthcare; (Person Centred)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Staff feel supported and engaged; (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Healthcare is safe for every person, every time; (Safe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Best use is made of available resources. (Effective)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. MEASURES FOR IMPROVEMENT

The effectiveness of the arrangements are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The report demonstrates that the NHS Lanarkshire position in respect of doses delivered is close to or exceeds the Scottish average.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT/MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The consideration of the options has mitigated any identified risks.

9. FIT WITH BEST VALUE CRITERIA

This paper aligns to the following best value criteria:

Vision and leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Effective partnerships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Governance and accountability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Use of resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Performance management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equality	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The impact of any changes will be considered and an EQIA completed if appropriate.

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An EDIA is not required.

11. CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

None.

12. ACTIONS FOR THE BOARD

The Board is asked to note the progress made.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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